



Zoning Resolution

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119-10 - PROVISIONS REGULATING TIER I SITES

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2/2/2011

#Tier I sites# shall be regulated by the provisions set forth in this Section, inclusive.

119-11 - Tier I Requirements

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119-111 - Tier I tree preservation requirements

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12/7/1999

To the maximum extent possible, existing trees shall be retained. Trees of six-inch #caliper# or more may only be removed or destroyed as a result of a #development#, #enlargement# or #site alteration#, provided that:

- (a) such trees are located in areas to be occupied by #buildings#, #private roads#, driveways, areas for required #accessory# parking, or within a distance of 15 feet of the exterior walls of such #building#, provided that it is not possible to avoid such removal by adjustments in the arrangement of such #buildings#, driveways or required parking areas;

- (b) the continued presence of such tree would create special hazards or dangers to persons or property, which would not be possible or practical to eliminate by pruning;
- (c) the continued presence of such tree would interfere with the growth or health of another tree of six-inch #caliper# or more designated for preservation and belonging to a species listed in Appendix B (Selection List for On-site Trees); or
- (d) an authorization pursuant to Section [119-313](#) (Modification of landscaping, tree preservation and tree planting requirements) has been granted by the City Planning Commission approving the removal of such trees.

Any tree of six-inch #caliper# or more that cannot be preserved as a result of a proposed #development#, #enlargement# or #site alteration# shall be replaced pursuant to the provisions of Section [119-112](#) (Tier I tree planting requirements).

119-112 - Tier I tree planting requirements

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All #developments#, #enlargements# and #site alterations# on #Tier I sites# shall comply with the tree planting requirements set forth in this Section, whether or not existing trees are removed as a result of such #development#, #enlargement# or #site alteration#. However, the requirements set forth herein shall not apply to any #enlargement# of an existing #building#, provided that such #enlargement# does not increase the #lot coverage# of said #building#.

On-site trees, pre-existing or newly planted, shall be provided on the #zoning lot# at the rate of one tree for each 1,000 square feet of #lot area#, or portion thereof, or shall equal a total of 51 percent of all #tree credits# for trees originally on site, whichever is greater.

For any existing tree of at least six-inch #caliper# that is preserved, credit for one tree shall be given for the first six inches of #caliper# and, for each additional four inches of #caliper#, credit for an additional tree shall be given.

Single-trunk trees, newly planted to meet this requirement, shall be of at least three-inch #caliper# at the time of planting. Multiple-trunk trees and low-branching coniferous evergreens shall be at least 10 feet in height at the time of planting. On-site trees shall be of a species selected from Appendix B (Selection List for On-site Trees).

119-113 - Tier I controls during construction

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12/7/1999

The following requirements must be met during construction:

(a) Construction fences shall be erected around all #areas of no disturbance#.

A #tree protection plan# is required to modify the #area of no disturbance# around trees proposed for preservation.

(b) The #staging area# shall be located in an area that would most minimize destruction of the natural features of the landscape. Such area shall be as close to the construction area on the #zoning lot# as practical, and shall be either on the flattest portion of the #zoning lot# or behind a containment wall where it will not erode any #area of no disturbance# or endanger any tree designated for preservation.

(c) #Topsoil# shall be used in the area to be revegetated as soon as construction is complete.

- (d) Any exposed earth area shall have straw, jute matting or geotextiles placed on it within two days of exposure and be seeded with annual rye grass during construction.

119-12 - Tier I Submission Requirements

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For all #developments#, #enlargements# or #site alterations# on #Tier I sites#, the following materials shall be submitted to the Department of Buildings. However, the submission requirements set forth herein shall not apply to an #enlargement# of an existing #residential building#, provided that such #enlargement# does not increase the #lot coverage# of said #building#. No building permit shall be issued until the Department of Buildings determines that the requirements of the #Special Hillside Preservation District# have been met.

- (a) A survey map prepared by a licensed surveyor showing topography at two-foot contour intervals and indicating the existing slope of the land, as it occurs, in categories of 10–14 percent, 15–19 percent, 20–24 percent, 25 percent and greater; the location of existing #buildings or other structures#, patios, decks, swimming pools, walkways, driveways and #private roads#, including sidewalks and other impervious surfaces; and the location, #caliper# and species of all trees of six-inch #caliper# or more on the #zoning lot# and in the sidewalk area of the adjacent #streets#.
- (b) A site plan prepared by a registered architect or professional engineer indicating the location of all existing #buildings or other structures#; the location of all proposed #buildings or other structures#; the location of existing and proposed patios, decks, swimming pools, walkways, driveways and #private roads#, including sidewalks and other impervious surfaces; the location of any #steep slopes#, #steep slope buffer# areas and the #staging area#; and the

location, #caliper# and species of all trees of six-inch #caliper# or more on the #zoning lot# and in the sidewalk area of the adjacent #streets#. The site plan shall identify those trees proposed to be removed and those trees proposed to be preserved, indicating, for the latter, the #critical root zone#.

- (c) A tree-planting plan, prepared by a registered landscape architect, indicating the location and species of all new plantings, and indicating the location of and the #critical root zone# around all trees proposed for preservation.

119-13 - Administration of Tier I Requirements

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6/30/1987

No permanent certificate of occupancy shall be issued by the Department of Buildings unless an inspection report, verifying that the requirements of Section [119-10](#) (PROVISIONS REGULATING TIER I SITES) have been met, is filed with the Department of Buildings by a registered landscape architect, licensed surveyor, registered architect or professional engineer.